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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Is it not a fact that the Palar Irrigation Committee could not come to any conclusion on the information placed before them and therefore they thought it necessary to call for further information? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I think it is likely. The question will be considered when the information is received."

Minor Irrigation

Supply of water to Elundrakondan Periyakulam, Srivilliputtur taluk.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the reports called for by the Government to interpellations 97 and 104 to 107 answered in the Council on the 5th August 1931 are now available and if so, whether the hon. Member will be pleased to place them on the table of the House?

A.—*Interpellations Nos.* 104 *to* 107.—Copies [a] of the reports received with reference to these interpellations are attached.

Interpellation No. 97.—The report has not yet been received.

Irrigation of lands east of the Telugan tank, conversion of dry lands under the Elundrakondan Periyakulam into wet, etc.

* 590 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House the reports promised to be called for when answering questions Nos. 104 to 107 given at the meeting of the Council held on 5th August 1931?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 589.

Stoppage of minor irrigation works in the Anantapur district.

* 591 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for expenditure on minor irrigation works in the Anantapur district for the current year;

(*b*) the amount already spent;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that they have stopped all further expenditure on minor irrigation;

(*d*) if so, from what date; and

(*e*) the amount so saved by the stoppage of the works?

A.—(*a*) Rupees 65,000 for works in charge of the Revenue Department and Rs. 26,325 for works in charge of the Public Works Department.

(*b*) Rupees 15,654 up to the end of September 1931 on works in charge of the Public Works Department. The Government have no information regarding the amount spent on works in charge of the Revenue Department.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 588—591 infra.

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(c) & (d) The Government have issued no such orders.

(e) A sum of Rs. 4,350 has been surrendered from the allotment for works in charge of the Public Works Department as a measure of retrenchment. There have been no other surrenders.

Land Revenue Administration

Orders of Government on the representations made to His Excellency the Governor regarding takavi loans and wells for irrigation.

* 592 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bayappa Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government, on the representations made to His Excellency in July last when he toured in Anantapur district, in respect of—

(1) more wells for irrigation purposes; and

(2) concession rates of interest on takavi loans and especially those taken for digging wells?

A.—The following questions were raised in the representations made to His Excellency the Governor in July 1931, when he toured in the Anantapur district:—

(1) whether money could not be advanced at a lower rate of interest for the purpose of digging wells; and

(2) whether it would be possible to make such a concession retrospective.

The Revised Loan Rules (contained in the Takavi Manual) now in force permit the grant of loans for digging wells at special rates of interest or without interest. For the grant of such a concession, special justification is required in each case. The concessions cannot be granted in any general terms.

The question whether any concession, if granted, should be made retrospective would be decided on the merits of the particular case. No specific order was issued on the above subject as the rules already contain the necessary provision.

Assessment on lands converted into 'wet' or 'garden' by the ryots' labour.

* 593 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether dry lands which have been converted into wet or garden lands by the ryots in South Kanara are being reclassified now and if so, in which parts of the district, this work has so far been done;

(b) whether the Government propose to impose on such lands wet or garden rates of assessment;